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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant

: Michael Kraus, et al.

Application No.

: 09/603,834

Filed

: June 26, 2000

Title

: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA TRANSMISSION BETWEEN

AN ELECTROMEDICAL IMPLANT AND AN EXTERNAL APPARATUS

Grp./Div.

: 3762

Examiner

: Frances P. Oropeza

Docket No.

: 39727/RJP/E43

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated September 10, 2003 for 2 month(s) from December 10, 2003 to February 10, 2004.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$ 110	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 210	\$ 420	\$420
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 475	\$ 950	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 740	\$1480	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1005	\$2010	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 420 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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